

REMARKS

This Application has been reviewed in light of the Office Action mailed June 9, 2006 (the "Office Action"). Claims 1-51 are pending in the application. The Office Action rejects Claims 1-3, 5, 7, 10-14, 18, 20-23, 30 and 36-45, objects to Claims 4, 6, 8, 9, 24-29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 50 and 51 and allows Claims 15-17 and 46-49. Applicants amend Claims 1, 7, 9, 18, 25, 27, 30, 33, 36, 40, 44-45 and 51, add new Claim 52 and cancel Claims 6, 8, 24, 26, 31 and 34. For at least the reasons provided below, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and allowance of all pending claims.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants appreciate the Examiner's indication that Claims 15-17 and 46-49 are allowable and that Claims 4, 6, 8, 9, 24-29, 31, 32, 34, 35, 50 and 51 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicants have amended independent Claims 1, 18, 30, 33, 36, 40, 44 and 45 to recite elements of claims indicated in the Office Action as allowable. For at least these reasons, Applicants respectfully request allowance of independent Claims 1, 18, 30, 33, 36, 40, 44 and 45 and all claims depending therefrom. In addition, Applicants have added new Claim 52 which includes elements previously indicated as allowable. For at least this reason, Applicants respectfully request allowance of Claim 52.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place this case in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this Application in any manner, the Examiner is invited to contact Chad C. Walters, Attorney for Applicants, at the Examiner's convenience at (214) 953-6511.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge \$200 as payment for the addition of a new independent claim and is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

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